

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below.

Q4 1. (Once amended) A method of authorizing the making of postage stamp images on a receiver by a receiving agency comprising the steps of:

- (a) electronically transmitting a digital image file over a channel to the receiving agency;
- (b) the digital image file includes at least one digital image and authorization information for making postage stamp images on a receiver; and
- (c) receiving the digital image file at the receiving agency, displaying at least one received digital image and examining the displayed digital image to determine whether its contents are acceptable for making postage stamp images and examining the authorization information and printing at a designated location that accepts digital images on a receiver corresponding to the transmitted digital image when the authorization information is approved.

Please cancel claims 6-14.